

Weekly Status & Information Report: Week of August 30, 2004

1. **Updated Information for County's Park Division (All Wards):** The Montgomery County Parks Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has a new number to call to report maintenance problems. The new Smart Parks Customer Service Center can be reached at 301-670-8080. Park and Planning parks in the City of Takoma Park are: Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park, Long Branch Stream Valley Park, Takoma-Piney Branch Park (off Darwin Ave), SSI Park (Chicago and Philadelphia), Opal Daniels Park (Sheridan and Hancock), Takoma Urban Park (Old Town Gazebo), Takoma Park South Neighborhood Park (Kansas Lane), and Takoma Park Neighborhood Park (off Heather Ave). (*Community & Government Liaison*)
2. **City Manager's Absence:** Council is reminded that City Manager Barbara Matthews is out of the office until Tuesday, September 7th and that Wayne Hobbs is Acting City Manager during her absence. (*Executive Assistant*)
3. **OTRA (Old Town Neighborhood Association) Meeting (Wards 1 & 5):** Chief Creamer and several officers, along with other Department personnel, participated in an evening walk in the Old Takoma residential neighborhood to discuss safety concerns and remedies with residents (Ward 1). Capt. Coursey, the C-SAFE staff and officers attended the Weed and Seed meeting (Ward 5). (*Police*)
4. **MC Gang Task Force (Ward 5):** Det. Poole assisted the Montgomery County Gang Task Force in affecting a search warrant on Roanoke Avenue, relative to a graffiti "tagger." Poole is the TPPD liaison with the Task Force. (*Police*)
5. **Crime Report (Wards 2, 5 & 6):** An armed robbery of a taxicab driver occurred Sept. 1, at New Hampshire and Linden (Wards 2 & 6). Detectives made an arrest on Monday for a burglary that had occurred earlier in the 7600 block of Flower Avenue (Ward 5). (*Police*)
6. **Correction:** Last week's S&I incorrectly named the new crossing guard; her correct name is Bernice Toler. (*Police*)
7. **Officers in Training:** Nine officers received one-day training this week in use of the FN303, a less lethal weapon. (*Police*)
8. **After School Program:** This week was the start of our Afternoon Addition Aftercare Program. This year we have the highest number of students registered after the first week. The increase is due to the successful Fun Day Trips and Summer Camp for the 2003-2004 year. About 35-40% of the students this year are new! (*Recreation*)
9. **Recreation Program Guide:** The Fall 2004 Program Guide is out and citizens can now register for programs. We have our most diverse guide ever offering more tot and adult programs than ever before! (*Recreation*)